

**PROFESSIONAL HYDROLOGISTS SECTION
EXAMINING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS,
HYDROLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS
MINUTES
MADISON, WISCONSIN
MAY 23, 2000**

PRESENT: Robert Karnauskas, Roger Hall, and Herbert Garn

EXCUSED: Stephen Donohue

STAFF PRESENT: Alfred Hall, Jr., Becky Fry; William Black, Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

Robert Karnauskas, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. A quorum of three members was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Roger Hall moved, seconded by Herbert Garn, to adopt the agenda, with the addition of item 8 a. "AIH Annual Meeting", and 12 e i "Review of July 2000 Examination and Cut Scores." Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (3/21/00)

MOTION: Herbert Garn moved, seconded by Roger Hall, to approve the minutes, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Secretary Cummings' Report

Mr. Hall explained that Secretary Cummings was attending an executive briefing regarding Information Technology 2000 and would not be available to address the Section.

Bureau Director's Report

- **Board Member Workshop 7/13-14/00**

Mr. Hall informed the Section that the first day of the Board Member Workshop would be focused on training of new Board members and the second day would be geared toward issues related to the regulatory process, reciprocity, information technology and the media. He informed the Section that an agenda would be sent to all Board members sometime in June. Attendance was encouraged.

- **Section Roster/Meeting Dates**

Mr. Hall reminded the Section that the information on the roster was public knowledge and to inform him of any corrections or changes.

- **Regulatory Digest**

A draft of the Regulatory Digest was included in the agenda packet. Noted.

Mr. Hall informed the Section that the verification service was now available on the Internet to check on licensees through the Credential Holder Query.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

99SB 347 Relating to Registration of Wetland Scientists

Mr. Hall informed the Section that 1999 Senate Bill 347 did not pass.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Mr. Hall informed the Section that he received a copy of the Clearinghouse Report, relating to educational and experience requirements prior to sitting for the fundamentals examination. He explained that this issue would be deferred to the June 14, 2000, Joint Board Meeting.

9:45 a.m. Public Hearing Relating to Educational and Experience Examination Requirements Prior to Sitting for the Fundamentals Exam

A hearing was held regarding the proposed administrative rules related to the educational and experience requirements prior to sitting for the fundamentals exam for professional hydrology and soil science, and clarity and grammar of the current rules.

There were no public appearances to present testimony and written comments in support or opposition of the rules.

Written comments will be considered until June 12, 2000.

SECTION MEMBER ACTIVITY

Nothing to report.

EXAMINATION ISSUES

AIH Annual Meeting

Darwin Tichenor informed the Section that the meeting would be held in November in South Carolina.

The Section discussed the rationale for Mr. Tichenor or a Section member attending the meeting to set up a panel workshop to discuss licensing issues and the licensing process of hydrologists in Wisconsin.

Herb Garn indicated that a workshop of this type would be a good introduction to the profession and might be a valuable workshop to put on at the state level.

The Section discussed the issue of AIH taking over the administration of the examination.

DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT

Orientation to Screening Panel

Mr. Hall briefly explained the screening panel procedures.

This issue was deferred to the June 14, 2000, GHSS Joint Board Meeting.

PRACTICE ISSUES

Licensure Seals

Mr. Hall informed the Section that Pamela Haack is working on the graphics for seals for Professional Soil Scientists and Professional Hydrologists.

Herbert Garn suggested that additional language be added to the administrative rules regarding the sample seal for the geologists, to include soil scientists and hydrologists.

Discussion of NCEES Electronic Technology Task Force (ETTF) White Paper

Mr. Hall explained that the architects and engineers are supporting and promoting the use of electronic transmission of signatures.

William Black informed the Section that electronic signatures became law during the past legislative session and the electronic transmission of documents is now acceptable. He added that the biggest concern is the forgery issue.

The Section discussed seal and signature requirements identified in the NCEES White Paper. Herb Garn suggested cross-referencing the guidelines for electronic transmission in the administrative rules.

Mr. Hall indicated that it is the Board's decision whether to allow the electronic transmission of signatures for the profession.

Further discussion was deferred to the June 14, 2000, GHSS Joint Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to discuss.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Herbert Garn moved, seconded by Roger Hall, to convene to closed session to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.); to consider licensure or discipline (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats.), to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85(1)(f), Stats.), and, to confer with Legal Counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.). Motion carried by roll call vote: Roger Hall-yes; Herbert Garn-yes; Robert Karnauskas-yes.

Open Session recessed and the Closed Session convened at 10:39 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board received a copy of the Case Status Report.

Thomas M Slawski appeared for a Class 1 Rehearing.

The Section deferred action on a Class 1 Rehearing until submission of additional information from Thomas M. Slawski and deliberated on examination issues.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

By consensus, Open Session reconvened at 2:11 p.m.

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED UPON IN CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Robert Karnauskas moved, seconded by Herbert Garn, to defer action on Thomas M. Slawski's Class 1 rehearing, pending receipt of additional documentation satisfying 1997 Wisconsin Act 300, section 64 (3) (a) 2. c., educational requirements for professional hydrologist licensure and s. GHSS 3.04, Wis. Adm. Code, within ten days of the mailing of the letter from the department. The Section will review the additional documentation at its the June 14, 2000, teleconference meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

SUCH OTHER ITEMS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

Darwin Tichenor informed the Section that there are no candidates for the July exam. Mr. Tichenor will draft an article for the Regulatory Digest reporting on the status of the examination process.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Herbert Garn moved, seconded by Roger Hall, to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting: Hydrology – June 14, 2000 upon adjournment of GHSS Joint Board meeting